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SUBJECT: CANADA: RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON ICJ ELECTIONS

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1. Poloff delivered reftel demarche, discussing the nomination of Thomas Buergenthal for appointment to the International Court of Justice, to Michel Tessier, Coordinator for Elections at the UN Division of Foreign Affairs Canada (FAC), on May 4. Tessier thanked us for the demarche, and mentioned to poloff that Judge Buergenthal is well-known and has an excellent reputation.

2. In a note dated May 12, FAC informed the embassy that the information on Judge Buergenthal has been noted and would be forwarded to the appropriate Canadian authorities.

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